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**From:** Smith, Bonnie  
**Sent:** Thur 3/20/2014 9:27:47 PM  
**Subject:** New WV DEP Communications Director - FYI

Ken and Fran,

I wanted to let you know that DEP has hired a new Director of Communications. Tom was acting. Kathy Cosco, who we'd worked with for a long time, left six to nine months ago and Tom was acting.

Mark Ferrell was copied on the email below, too.

-bonnie

**From:** Gillenwater, Kelley J [mailto:Kelley.J.Gillenwater@wv.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 2:48 PM  
**Cc:** Aluise, Thomas J  
**Subject:** New WV DEP Communications Director

Hello All. I just wanted to send out a quick email to let you know that I assumed the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection communications director position this week. I'll be working with Tom Aluise and the rest of the Public Information Office team to promptly address any questions and information requests you may have of the agency.

For those of you who don't know me, here's a little of my background. I most recently spent five years with American Water, the first two as West Virginia American Water's external affairs manager and the last three as internal communications manager for a multi-state division of American Water that included West Virginia. Prior to that, I spent a decade with The Associated Press in Charleston as a reporter and broadcast editor (at the time I used my maiden name, which is Schoonover). I'm a native West Virginian, a Marshall grad and a resident of Culloden.

I'm looking forward to getting reacquainted with the West Virginia media. Also, as a former reporter, I understand the importance of deadlines and will work diligently to get you the information you need as quickly as possible. Thank you in advance, however, for your patience with me as I learn more about the DEP and everything involved in my new role.

My office and mobile phone numbers are listed below if you need to reach me. I also check

email as often as I can.

Kindest Regards,

**Kelley J. Gillenwater**

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